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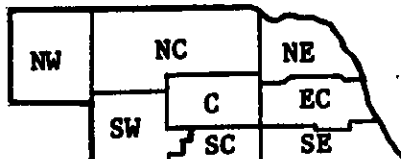
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WEATHER

The week was dry and mild. Only the extreme east received some light showers with local amounts up to a half inch. Average temperatures were near normal across the State.

GENERAL

Very dry weather this past week allowed row crops to mature rapidly, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Only scattered areas of the State received light rains last week. Areas of the northeast and east central reported problems of corn borer and bean leaf beetle. Corn was being cut for silage in many areas of the State and was the number one field activity. Sorghum, soybean and corn harvest started last week in the southeast. Dry edible bean harvest was active in western counties. Other field activities consisted of seeding wheat, haying, preparing for the harvest season, and irrigating. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.9.

Topsoil moisture level rated 94% short and 6% adequate, down considerably from a week ago. Subsoil moisture level rated 86% short and 14% adequate. Last year's moisture levels rated: topsoil - 23% short, 73% adequate and 4% surplus; subsoil - 19% short, 75% adequate and 6% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated slightly higher than a week ago with 2% very poor, 9% poor, 31% fair, 43% good and 15% excellent. Nearly 80% of the irrigated crop was rated good to excellent, while

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only 10% of the dryland crop was rated the same. Problems with stalk rot were reported again. There was 95% of the corn acreage dented; this compares to 88% last year and 66% average. Corn mature climbed to 35% compared to 23% last year and 9% average. There were early reports of corn being harvested for grain with 2% of the State's acreage harvested.

Soybean condition was rated 6% very poor, 18% poor, 60% fair, 14% good and 2% excellent. Soybeans with leaves turning color reached 60% compared to 34% last year and 22% average. Soybeans dropping leaves at 25% compares with 3% for both the previous year and 5-year average. Soybean harvest has started, mainly in the southeast and east, with 1% of the State's acreage harvested.

Sorghum condition rated 25% poor, 54% fair, 19% good and 2% excellent. Sorghum with heads turning color reached 85% compared to 77% last year and 64% average. Sorghum mature rated 20% compared to 13% last year and 5% average. There was 1% of the sorghum acreage harvested, primarily in the east and southeastern districts.

Alfalfa condition rated 7% very poor, 21% poor, 44% fair, 25% good and 3% excellent. Alfalfa cut for the third time was 90% complete compared to 86% last year and 75% average.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 14% very short, 49% short and 37% adequate. All areas of the State are needing precipitation for their pastures. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 2% very short, 16% short and 82% adequate. Supplemental feeding of livestock in pastures continues.

Precipitation, April 1 - September 2, 1988

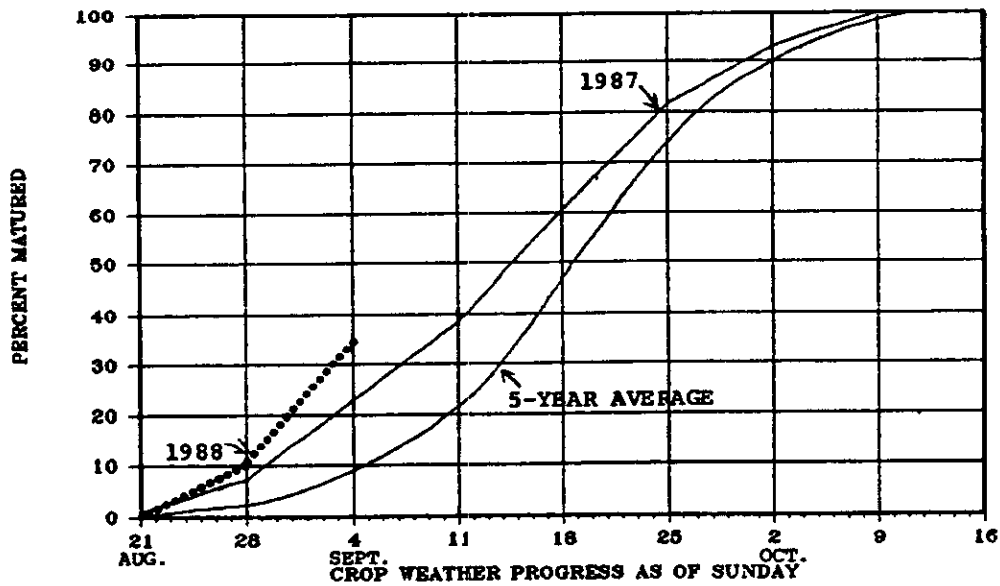
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week01	.03	.08	.22	.12	.03	.22	.13
Total since April 1	13.19	16.78	12.73	16.78	11.95	15.06	15.08	12.66
Normal since April 1	11.99	14.72	17.00	15.92	18.20	13.42	16.12	19.01

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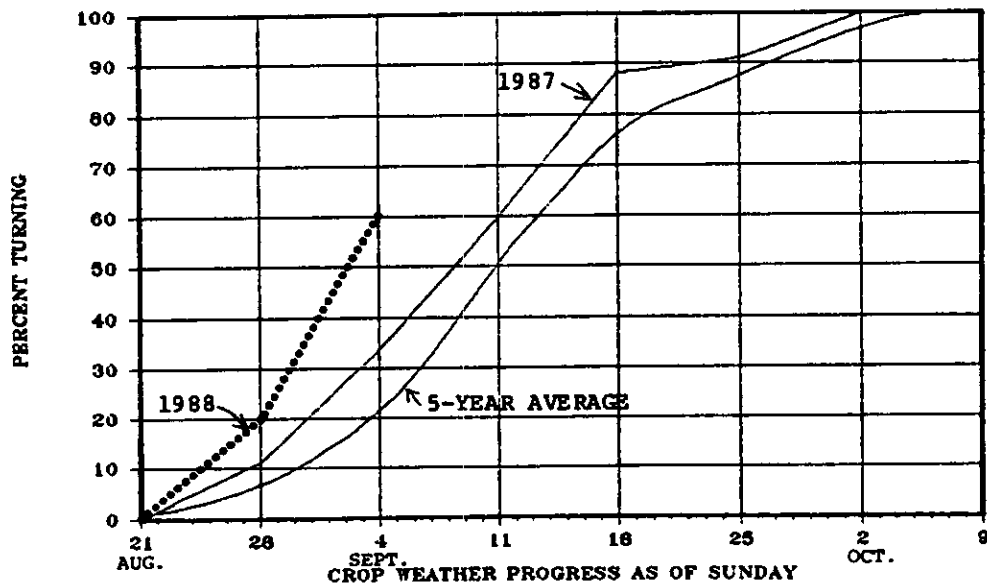
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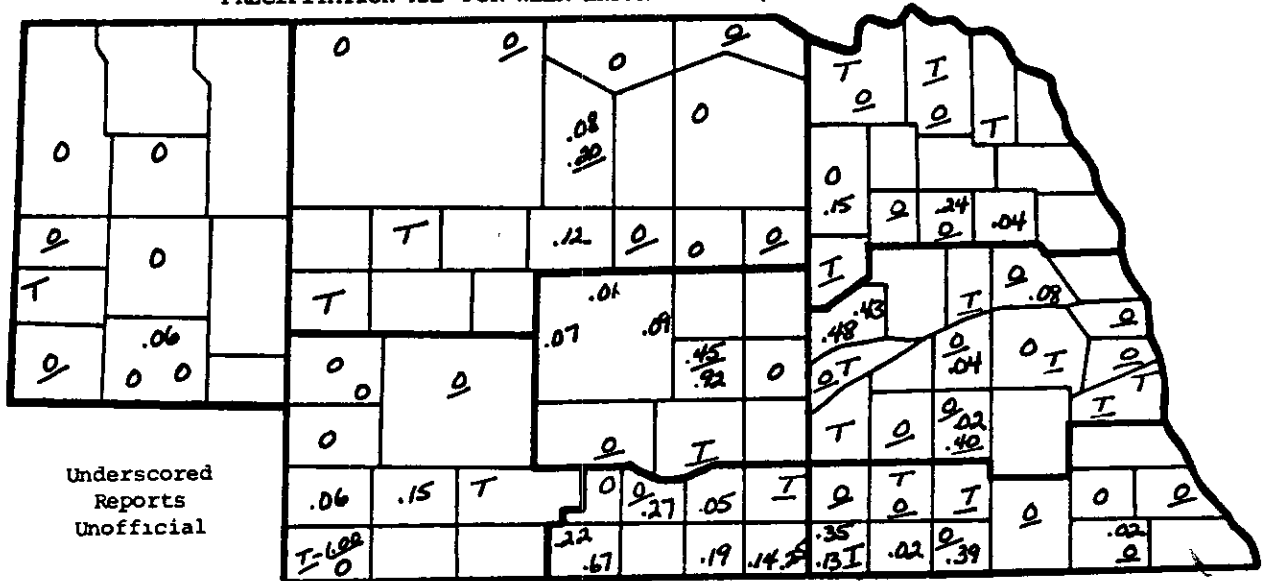
NEBRASKA -- CORN MATURED



NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS TURNING COLOR



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	98	34	65	--	0
Scottsbluff	94	43	66	-1	0
Sidney	96	44	67	--	T
NC Ord	92	47	68	--	0
Valentine	99	39	66	-1	0
NE Norfolk	91	47	70	+1	.65
Sioux City	89	49	69	0	.02
CEN Grand Island	92	48	70	0	.01
EC Lincoln	90	46	71	0	.02
Omaha	90	52	71	+2	.40
SW Imperial	93	45	68	--	0
North Platte	90	44	67	-1	.01

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.